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My dear Richd & Pebb

James Canday called yes-
terday, having arrived the day be-
fore, after a fortnights passage.
I took him out to my place (in Elsewh-
ere Park, Orange N.J. — 14 Miles
from this city) and set him at
work in the garden. He will in
earning at least a dollar a-
day, which will more than pay
his board (he boards near-by) while
he will be looking out for a
place — as will I as also —
when he can do better. Tell
Joanna for me not give herself
no concern about James. He is in a fair
way of doing well. any person
"man or woman — in good health
and without incumbrance, can
do well in this country if he —
or she chooses. As much for James.

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Now a word about Eliza; I mean - Miss Wigham. I have entirely forgotten what I said in my letter of acknowledgement of her £15: but I must have expressed myself in unpracticed phrase & have produced for deep & enduring a wound. It was worry in me & or so: I should have been less thoughtless; I should have been more thought-ful. I blame myself, as I have often had occasion to do before. But my sin was phrenological - resulting from culpable impetuosity & carelessness of what unhappier my language might produce. If I have offended, may Miss Wigham her head and her revenge. She rebuked me with a severity that must have left her with "a clean heart". I had hardly supposed that any so placid faith and disciplined nature could, for such an offence, so far caustic -

"Tantæ ne animis cœlestibus iræ?"

I am sorry to suffer in the estimation of one whom I have to

any honorable mind, but I can do
nothing to help it. Explanations
would not help it. People separa-
ted by time & space, looking at the
same object from different points
of view & through different me-
dia must of necessity misunder-
stand each other sometimes. And
when they do the less said the better.

In his last letter to Mr Wi-
lson deprecated any tendency to-
ward a controversy with the
american Missionary association.
His former letter Entirely ignorant
that it is of the facts, and suggests that
that is in a position either of
mind or circumstance or both
that would disclaim & explana
tion as unavailing. What we
have suffered & without com-
plaint, without even making
a sign, from the hands of the
agents of the A.M.A. (Amer Missionary Association)
known only to him who remand-
eth vicious. We have rejoiced to
"put forth with fear," we have
insisted upon it that our agents
should not resort to the means
employed by that faction, to promote
our cause

We differ with the Am. Miss. Assoc
iation in principle. We hold that the
Freedmen cause should be based on
and conducted upon the broadest
principles of Christianity; not
on the narrow maxims or poli
cy of sect. We desire this cause
kept + not by ill blackmouthy
character or appeals to prejud
ice + but with argument & reason. The best men in the
County agree with us. The a=
least men in all the churches
are with us; but the zealots,
the pharisaical, who are never
among the advocates of progress
us and do what they can to
beat us down. But we pour
shower & shower retorts=
standy all their efforts. I am
sorry for Miss Wyman's sake that
she does not understand how the
case stands. But she is in an
attitude of mind not to feel
things as I feel them. — I am
sorry I made any pun with about
poor Thompson. "Dear George Thompson,"
a Parisian who knows him so well,
so affectionately calls him.

Ever truly yours
Wm. Lloyd Garrison